

Istook to Tour OKC KIPP School

Oklahoma City, OK – On **Monday, June 28th at 10:00 a.m.**, Congressman Ernest J. Istook (R-OK) will tour the Oklahoma City KIPP School and view first-hand this local success story for low-income, at-risk students. Representatives from Langston University will also present a contribution to the school's Boy Scout troop in honor of Congressman Istook's support of the KIPP and Boy Scouts of America.

“Good things are happening at KIPP, and I want to continue to encourage and support that,” said Istook. **“I applaud these students’ commitment to a college education. I hope that other educators might learn from the innovative techniques that have been so successful here.”**

The KIPP Reach College Preparatory is an open-enrollment public school started in June 2002. The school provides an environment where low-income, at-risk children can acquire the skills and knowledge that will enable them to succeed in college and in the competitive world beyond. The students attend school from 7:25 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. five days a week, with an additional two Saturdays per month, and three weeks of summer school. Currently 66 fifth graders and 49 sixth graders attend KIPP Reach College Preparatory.

In its first year, KIPP students outperformed students in the Oklahoma City Public Schools in all subjects. On the 2003 state exam, only four of the 63 public schools in Oklahoma City outperformed KIPP Reach College Preparatory in both reading and mathematics.

WHO: U.S. Congressman Ernest Istook
Mr. Tracy McDaniel, KIPP Principal
Dr. Eric Joseph, Langston University Chaplain
Mr. Dennis Howard, Assistant Director of Outreach, Langston University

WHAT: Tour and presentation of contribution to the KIPP School

WHEN: Monday, June 25th
10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

WHERE: KIPP Reach College Preparatory School
1432 N.E. 7th (directly behind the Dunbar School)
Oklahoma City, OK